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For Wheeling's Interests.

The meeting of the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce, called for this evening by President Quarrier, is one of the most important that has been held in recent years, and should be attended by the membership, so far as possible. Three important matters concerning the public welfare, and of more than ordinary interest to the business men and citizens generally, are to be acted upon. First, is the appointment of a committee on behalf of the trade and commercial interests of the city to act jointly with committees already appointed by the county board of commissioners and the city council to urge and bring about, if possible, the adoption of the Ohio county route of the proposed railroad connecting the Connellsville coke region with the Ohio river. The importance of this matter cannot be exaggerated. If the business men of this city desire Wheeling to be the terminus of the road, and are alive to all that the enterprise means for the city, now is the time to act. This feature of to-night's meeting should be sufficient in itself to insure a large attendance of the members of the chamber of commerce.

The other two items of business for which the meeting is called concern the preparations for the annual reunion of the Society of the Army of West Virginia, and the convention of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association, both of which important gatherings are to be held in Wheeling within a few months, the dates yet to be fixed by the officers of the organizations. These conventions, which will bring to the city a large number of visitors, will be occasions on which Wheeling will desire to do herself credit, and to sustain her deserved and widely known reputation for hospitality and enterprise. Committees are to be appointed and the work of preparation set in motion.

The whole city is interested in the success of each of these occasions. The importance of the great work of river improvement to this part of the Ohio valley cannot be underestimated, and the commercial interests of Wheeling should see to it that the Ohio Valley Improvement Association is properly welcomed and entertained. In regard to the soldiers' reunion, Wheeling is already on record as having entertained the largest and most successful gathering in the history of the Society of the Army of West Virginia, and the Intelligencer feels sure she will not fall short of that record on the coming occasion. The old soldiers will receive a hearty, patriotic and hospitable welcome, as they always have in the past.

Let there be a large attendance of the members of the chamber of commerce to-night, and of citizens generally, to help along these good things.

Methodist Echo of War Times.

The bill which passed the house of representatives appropriating \$258,000 for the war claim of the Methodist Church South has reopened the animosities of the war between the northern and southern branches of that denomination, the former branch bitterly denouncing the southern brethren as having aided and abetted the effort to destroy the Union.

At the time the measure passed the lower house of Congress it was thought that no opposition existed among the northern Methodists to the claim, but now some vigorous protests are being made—so vigorous, in fact, that it is doubtful if the bill will be favorably considered by the senate.

The basis of the claim was that the southern Methodists took no part in the rebellion, and throughout the war were as loyal as possible to the federal government. On this ground they asked reimbursement for their property destroyed at Nashville. In reply to this the northern branch of the church, through its writers for the press, declares that the southern church was not only used as an agency to promote the disunion of the states, but adopted methods not consistent with Christian professions.

Coming at a time when the movement for the reunion of these two branches of Methodism, divided so many years ago on political and slavery questions, is well under way, it is probable that this incident will reopen the old wounds and render, for the time being at least, its success next to impossible. This is regrettable, since it was hoped that the division in this great religious body on a question which has long since ceased to be a sectional issue, so far as political lines are concerned, was about to be healed, and thus contribute to a more complete reunion of all elements concerned in an unfortunate period of the country's history.

It is not to be presumed that the southern Methodists will quietly submit

to the protest, whatever may be the final action of Congress; and whether the northern branch of the church succeeds in showing that under the law the Nashville claim cannot be granted, or not, the old animosities of abolition days that are awakened by the charges and counter charges between the two sections of the church cannot fail to postpone the day of reunion.

Advice to "Klondikers."

The Intelligencer is in receipt of a special mining editorial of the Alaska Mining Record, published at Juneau, Alaska. Juneau is the metropolis of the Alaska gold fields, and is the outfitting point for the auriferous fields beyond. The record is printed in magazine form, and contains a vast amount of information concerning the wonderful resources of Alaska, including the placers of the Klondike region, and many valuable pointers to those who contemplate seeking their fortunes in the gold fields of the great northwestern territory.

Under the heading "Who Should Come," the Record gives some advice to would be prospectors that is of especial value at this time, when thousands of people in the United States are preparing to emigrate, with the opening of spring. Government officers, and others who are on the ground, have already sent to this country many precautions concerning the unwisdom of persons going to Alaska unprepared for a long campaign of hardship and waiting, but they have been little heeded. The enticing wording of the advertisements of mining companies and steamship owners have been more potent than all the warnings of those who are in the best position to know of the conditions existing and the preparations necessary for those who go prospecting, and many have found, when too late, their mistake.

In the article mentioned the Juneau Mining Record tells just "who should and who should not come," and readers of the Intelligencer who are preparing to go to Alaska will do well to consider the advice. In the first place, the Record asserts that "whoever comes to Alaska should be prepared to support himself for at least two years." The reason upon which this advice is based is that the development of the country is such that its present population is up to every industrial requirement. Every position is filled in the field of industry.

The Record says: "The professions are fully represented; the labor market is glutted, artisans and mechanics find no opening here. Mining and prospecting alone remain open to the newcomer, and he must find his own field, and must be prepared for self-support until he has found it. He cannot depend upon his own labor in any direction for support, for the field is fully occupied. But to him who is prepared to live on his own resources while he prosecutes his search for the precious metals there are magnificent promises in every hill and valley of Alaska. Not that all may expect fortunes, but that all have equal chances and splendid opportunities."

This advice corresponds with that which has come from other sources, and is worth considering. The Record points out, also, that those who succeed best in the gold fields are those who have practical knowledge of quartz and placer gold mining. Theory doesn't amount to much. It is the practical prospector who succeeds, while the "tenderfoot" who expects to find gold everywhere in right returns home disappointed.

The Alaska paper further says: "Alaska has all the professional men, clerks, mechanics and laborers she will need or can accommodate at the present time. Miners, mining men with capital and prospectors who bring a two years' stake and who can aid in the development of the country are about the only classes to whom the field is open, but to them Alaska offers splendid inducements. Wages here are not as high as seems to be supposed by those on the outside, and the natives come into competition with the common laborers everywhere. Skilled labor is only fairly scarce, while the working seasons are so short that their aggregate earnings are much less than in other climates."

It must be remembered that these statements are from a periodical published in the chief city of the gold region, and whose every interest lies in not underestimating the real conditions. What it says may be taken as correct information. The most important feature is the warning it gives to those who are apt to go to the region unprepared for a "long campaign." These should bear in mind that this warning is that little can be accomplished in less than three years stay in the Yukon country, unless marvellous good luck attends one's foot-steps.

A good part of the first season, says the Record, will be consumed in reaching the mines; then, even if a claim be at once discovered and located, only preliminary work can be done; the second year the claim can be well opened up, and not until the third year are promised returns realized. The Intelligencer hopes that West Virginians who contemplate emigrating to the Yukon country will not ignore these facts, nor fail to prepare themselves properly.

When the Parkersburg State Journal says "Musical Wheeling," a headline that often appears in the papers of this city, is a "misnomer." It must be inspired by jealousy or a lack of appreciation. We regret that our friend, Editor White, should be so void of discriminating musical taste. If "Musical Wheeling" is given an opportunity it will show Brother White a contrast between the maddening notes of the Parkersburg tin pan brigades he is accustomed to hear and a real article of music, like unto the contract existing between the famous soub, brick-tinted locks on his own massive head and the effulgence of the glorious and awe-inspiring aurora borealis.

The city of Savannah, Ga., seems to be infested with fire-bugs. A fire-bug is the most dangerous bug known, and when he starts on a ravaging expedition no property owner knows when he is safe. Savannah has suffered greatly recently, and there is little doubt that if her people capture the author of the losses, punishment, swift and sure, and of the most approved Georgia kind, may be visited upon him, though it is hoped that the law may be permitted to take its course.

We read in the Madrid dispatches that "public feeling" in that city is "very

strong against America." That is strange, in view of the charges made by the Popocratic press that is seeking for an issue, to the effect that our administration is in league or something or other with Spain. It seems that the Spanish people do not agree with the Popocratic jingoism in America on this important question.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

An article in the February Atlantic which will attract wide attention to an evil hitherto largely unknown and unsuspected, is that upon the relations of the Labor Unions to the Negro, contributed by John Stephens Durham, late United States minister to Hayti. Mr. Durham shows the grave injustice and injury done to the whole colored race by the system of exclusion practiced by the labor organizations of the country. He does not consider that this was originally a conscious crusade against color, but it is a part of the general system of exclusion, like the discrimination against women and the limitation of apprenticeships. But in effect, the color line is drawn by them so absolutely and so strictly, that no man suspected of the slightest tinge of color is permitted to join a trade-union, or to work in company with the union men, throughout the United States. The result of this sweeping exclusion is to shut out the colored man, no matter how capable or how well trained, from all skilled employment whatsoever, and to degrade him to depend upon unskilled labor or menial service entirely for his support.

The series of seventeen articles on the States of the Middle West, which began in the number of Harper's Weekly dated January 23, will be continued regularly for several months, will make new friends for "The Nation's Journal." No such sustained and determined effort has recently been made by a periodical to give to the world the facts concerning this important section of the country. The articles have been prepared by Franklin Matthews, a newspaper man of long experience, who seems to have a special gift for securing reliable information, and judgment and honesty in the use he makes of it. That this record will be satisfactory reading to Westerners may be gathered from the title of the series, "Bright Skies in the West." It seems probable that these articles will command a great deal of attention throughout the states, and set the Middle West in a true light.

PASSING PLEASANTIES.

Not So High.—Lady enters barber shop with skye terrier.

"Mr. Barber, can you cut my doggie's hair?"

"Indeed!—You seem to hold yourself pretty high for one in your position."

"Perhaps I do; but I'm no skye-scraper."—New York Truth.

Discreet.—"I told Biggins I could thrash him," boasted little Dicky, swaggering.

"Did you say anything, the coward—at least, nothing that I could hear. I hung up the receiver and came away from the telephone."—New York World.

He Was Excused.—The teacher of a city school received the following note explaining the absence of one of her pupils the day before:

"These excusedenny for absents yesterday. Him an me got a chance at a ride to a funeral in a charriage, an I let him stay to home, as he had never rode in a charriage an never went to a funeral nor had many other pleasures. So please excuse."—Harper's Round Table.

Cause for Action.—The English Dowager—So your husband, the duke, don't love you? What are you going to do about it?

American Heiress—Sue him for obtaining money under false pretenses."—New York Town Topics.

Not Offended.—The Dun—I hope you won't be offended if I remind you that we are very much in need of the money.

The Dunned—Not at all. If anybody's going to be offended it is yourself.—Boston Transcript.

Her Objection.—Old Mr. Surplice—I hope you object to dancing on religious grounds?

Young Miss Featherstitching—Oh, no; only on unwaxed floors.—Roxbury Gazette.

YES, THAT'S THE QUESTION.
Chicago Inter-Ocean: Senator Teller wants it understood that "a silver dollar is just as good as a gold dollar." So it is under a Republican administration, but the question is, What would it be worth under a Teller-Bryan administration?

Each in His Own Name.
A fire mist and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jellyfish and a saurian,
And caves where the cave-men dwell:
Then a sense of law and beauty
And a faith that the golden rod—
Some call it Evolution,
And others call it God.

A haze on the fair horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe rich tints of the cornfields,
And the wild reeds sailing high;
And all over upland and lowland
The warm sun of the golden rod—
Some of us call it Autumn,
And others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea beach,
When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
Come welling and surging in—
Come from the mystic ocean
Whose rim no foot has trod—
Some of us call it Longing,
And others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty,
A mother starved for her brood,
Socrates drinking the hemlock,
And Jesus on the road;
The million who, humble and nameless,
The straight, hard pathway trod—
Some call it Consecration,
And others call it God.

A FEW months ago, Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain-Balm. The first bottle he used helped him considerably, and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by druggists.

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DON'T.

Don't try to tell a woman's age by looking at her teeth.

Don't think that ministers are the only men that marry for money.

Don't forget to pull down the blinds if you live in a glass house.

Don't try to raise a disturbance unless you want to lower yourself.

Don't trust a woman's tears. It's her nature to weep when she wants her way.

Don't judge by appearances. The girl with the sailor hat probably never saw a rowboat.

Don't think because love is blind that your neighbors are troubled with the same optical illusions.

Don't forget that an ounce of keeping your mouth shut is worth a pound of explanation.

Don't look for a bankrupt at a charity soup house. That's where his victims congregate.

Don't think because a horse is scratched before the race that he is afflicted with a cutaneous disease.—Chicago Daily News.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

A woman's tendency toward hash is always sure to come out in a club discussion.

It is probably because a man is the architect of his own fortunes that he falls to get any closets in.

Probably the happiest years of Jacob's life were the seven years Rachel's father made him wait for her.

As soon as a man hears all the other women begin to abuse a girl, he thinks he would like to meet her to find out why they are all so down on her.

Jonah probably wondered for a long time whether he'd better tell his wife the truth or get up some other story that wouldn't make her look at him that way.

The average woman you see at a picture show puts in half her time telling you how she discovered what a certain picture meant symbolically and the other half quoting Ruskin.

When an old bachelor has any opinions at all about love all the women begin to wonder whether he thinks so because he is an old bachelor, or whether he is an old bachelor because he thinks so.—New York Press.

THE CENSUS OF EGYPT.

London Times: The statistics of the census taken last June of what is called Egypt proper—that is, Egypt up to Wady Halfa—have been classified elaborately by Boinet Bey of the finance ministry. The main results are as follows: In 1846, under Mohammed Ali, the population was only estimated at 4,500,000; the census of 1852, which was a most imperfect one, showed over 6,750,000; and last year's, which may be considered as fairly accurate as is practicable, indicates a total population of nearly 9,750,000. Of this total 50.5 per cent. are males, and 49.5 per cent. females. After deductions for women, children under seven years, and Bedouins, it is calculated that 12 per cent. of the males can read and write, the remainder being entirely illiterate.

The census number, 9,698,000, to which must be added 40,000 originally from other parts of the Ottoman empire and 574,000 Bedouins. Of these last only 89,000 are really nomads, the remainder being styled semi-sedentary. Of the foreign residents there are 112,500, of whom the Greeks are the most numerous, with 35,000; then come the Italians, 24,500; British, including 5,500 Maltese and 5,000 of the Army of Occupation, 19,500; French (including 4,000 Algerians and Tunisians), 14,000; Austrians, 7,000; Russians, 1,400; Germans, 1,300, and the remainder are divided among ten different nationalities. The classification according to religion shows nearly 9,000,000 Moslems, 700,000 Christians, and 25,000 Jews. The Christians include the Coptic race, numbering about 605,000, of whom only a very small proportion profess the Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths. Among the town populations Cairo contains 570,000, Alexandria 320,000, Tanta (the largest town in the interior of the delta) 57,000, Zagazig and Mansurah (the next in importance) 55,000 each, Port Said, 42,000, Ismailia, nearly 7,000, and Suez, 17,000. From these figures it may be gathered that over 50,000 persons derive their living from the Suez canal. Assiut (the largest town of Upper Egypt) contains 42,000 and Kenh runs next with 24,000. The total number of centers of population, comprising towns, villages, farm settlements, and Bedouin encampments, is given as 18,129.

Beware of Quack Remedies for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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